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***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on June 05, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action (Inadvertent Non-Responsive Amendment) because: the newly submitted claims 19-34 are still directed to a different invention than the examined original claims 1-18. The original claims 1-18 were directed to a planarization apparatus and corresponding method and system including a multi pod slurry arm adapted to allow simultaneous deposition of two or more streams of one slurry at two or more different flow rates...and a control system adapted to control the pivoting of the slurry arm and in communication and coordination of the substrate holder. Newly submitted claims 19-34 are directed to an apparatus and method with a control system to selectively position the arm based on an anticipated location of the substrate; an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: the method and apparatus of new claims do not recite for a multi-port slurry arm providing two or more of either one slurry at different flow rates or two or more of different slurry solutions, and now recite for a different type of control system. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

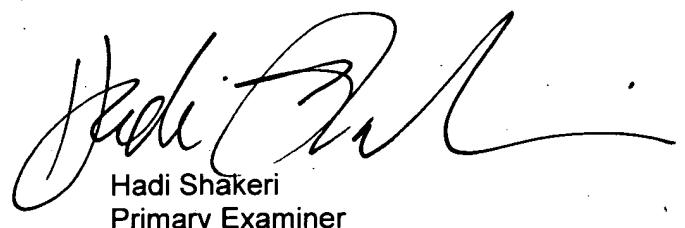
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